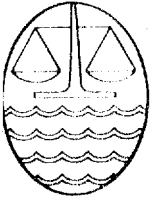




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Living resources

1. States shall co-operate with each other in the exploitation and conservation of living resources in areas beyond the economic zone of coastal States. States exploiting identical resources, or different resources located in the same area, shall enter into fisheries management agreements, and establish appropriate multilateral fisheries organizations, for the purpose of maintaining these resources. If such a body cannot be constituted among the concerned States, they may ask for the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in establishing an appropriate regional or international regulatory body.

2. States, acting individually and through regional and international fisheries organizations, have the duty to apply the following conservation measures for such living resources:

(A) allowable catch and other conservation measures shall be established which are designed, on the best evidence available to maintain or restore populations of harvested species at levels which can produce the maximum sustainable yield, taking into account relevant environmental and economic factors, and any generally agreed global and regional minimum standards;

(B) such measures shall take into account effects on species associated with or dependent upon harvested species and at a minimum, shall be designed to maintain or restore populations of such associated or dependent species above levels at which they may become threatened with extinction;

(C) for this purpose, scientific information, catch and fishing effort statistics, and other relevant data shall be contributed and exchanged on a regular basis;

(D) conservation measures and their implementation shall not discriminate in form or fact against any fisherman. Conservation measures shall remain in force pending the settlement, in accordance with the provisions of chapter ____, of any disagreement as to their validity.

3. With respect to anadromous species and highly migratory species, the provisions of article ____ and article ____ respectively, shall apply.